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May 7th. Thursday, 8.p.m. Speaker: Alan Mills. Subject: FUNGI.

May 9th. Saturday, 9.30, meet Prince Theatre. Outing to Mt Wellington to collect fungi. P.M.(Hopefully): University, to study our finds. Leader: Alan Mills.

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June 4th. Thursday, 8.p.m. Mr Alan Hewer (NPWS Inspector) will show a film.

June 7th. Sunday, 10.00a.m. meet Prince Theatre. Ferns of Tasmania. Leader: Reg Williams.

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July 2nd. Thursday 8.p.m. Capt. Hodgson, Marine Board, Hobart; Subject: TIDES.

July 4th. Saturday, 10.00a.m, meet Prince Theatre. Shells of Marion Bay. Leaders: Maria and John Grist.

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Note to members; if you have not paid your subs for 1981 yet, this is the last bulletin that you will receive! so hurry and contact our new Treasurer (see overleaf).

A GOOD WAY TO WARM UP THIS WINTER. Plenty of fun, warm friends and bracing walks available at our club functions. See you there!

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WHO ARE WE ?

We are a group of people who study all aspects of nature, and encourage the conservation of flora and fauna. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in St. James Church Hall (at rear of Church), cnr. Elizabeth St. and Rupert Ave. Visitors are welcome. Membership subscriptions; $9.00 p.a. Family; $12.00 . Students under 18 and pensioners; $5.00 . Subscription to Tasmanian Naturalist (non-members only); $5.00 .

Office bearers as elected at the A.G.M., March 5.

President:	Mr L.E. Wall ph. 284165
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	Mr J. Grist ph. 285108
Honorary Secretary:	Mrs M. Mollison ph. 285668
Treasurer:	Mr J. Grist ph. 285108
Assistant secretary:	Mrs M. Grist ph. 285108.

Committee: Mrs M. Davis, Mrs M. McDonald, Mr R. Shepherd, Miss M. Tagg, Mrs M. Wall, and Miss M. Westbrook.

CAN YOU HELP ?

Seminar on the management of Cradle Mountain/ Lake St Clair National Park(late 1981 or early 1982, L'ton). Would you be willing and able to be among the panel of experts at this seminar? Or do you know of somebody who would be interested? If so, please contact the Secretary.

ANOTHER SEMINAR.

Fire and forest management seminar, 2 May 1981 Uni. Centre, Hobart. What effects and effectiveness does fire have as a tool in forest management? SPEAKERS: Drs. J. Raison and B. Ellis (CSIRO), Dr F. Duncan (NPWS), David Bowman and Dr M. Macphail (Uni of Tas), and Mr N. Gellie(Forestry Commission). Secretary has more details. Keep your diary free for this discussion which will affect Tasmania's future.

SUPPLEMENT.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 1980.

Membership at 31/12/80 totalled 66 ordinary members and 5 Honorary Life Members.

General Meetings were held regularly each month, but the date was altered from 3rd to 1st Thursday in September when the venue was changed from B.P. Theatrette in the City to St. James Church Hall, New Town. It is significant that the average attendance at B.P. Theatrette was 22 but this has declined to 15 at St. James. Has the change of meeting night caused this? or removal from the city?
Speakers and their subjects have been-
D. Rounsevell - Antarctic Research.
Dr P. Murray - The Intertidal Zone.
K. Harris - Tasmanian Seabird Islands.
A. Hewer - Films on Franklin River and Southern Right Whales
J. Thompson - Wellington Range Plan.
E. Martin - Tasmanian Moths.
Dr J. Hickman - "Uninvited Guests."
A. Moscal - Douglas River Area.
N. Kemp and L. Wall - Geology and birds of the lower Derwent River
Dr M. Thomson - Bees.
We thank all the speakers for their informative and interesting talks.

Outings. These have been held regularly but attendances have varied considerably. With high current travelling costs the number of longer excursions has been curtailed. Members attending but without their own transport are reminded that they should offer to share in the costs after the completion of the journey.

Library. Efforts are being made to dispose of some old items to make way for current acquisitions. Since the library has been readily available to members there has been a significant increase in its use, and Mrs McDonald deserves our thanks for her work in maintaining it.

Tas. Naturalist. Our magazine has been produced regularly but it has not been practical to maintain a consistent size. This can only be done if there is an adequate and regular flow of material for publication. The editor is experiencing difficulty in obtaining suitable contributions and if these cannot be increased we will have to consider ceasing publication. Subscribers to Tas. Naturalist who are not Club members total 41, and exchanges and complimentary copies are sent to 33.

Federation of F.N. Clubs of Tas. Two meetings were held during the year but little feed-back has been received from our delegates and minutes have not arrived until months later.

On behalf of the Committee,

L. E. Wall President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1980.

Payments		
Printing of Tas. Naturalist	$588.45	
less subscriptions	330.00	258.45
Printing of Bulletin		50.63
Purchase of library books		36.90
Subscriptions and donations		35.00
Rent of meeting room		40.00
Printing and stationary		204.73
Postages	88.75	
less refund	2.30	86.45
Rent of P.O. Box	45.00	
lessrefund from B.O.A.T.	43.50	1.50
Insurance		27.03
Petty cash		19.78
Sundries		8.90
		769.37

Receipts		
Subscriptions	180.00	
Donations	12.65	
Sales of publications	20.00	
Interest	261.97	
Sundries	3.60	479.12
Excess of payments over receipts		$290.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT cont'd.

List of Assets

Investments	2100.00
Current Bank A/c	173.40
Petty cash in hand	22.00
Car stickers	1.00
Library (depreciated value)	106.55
Furniture, crockery etc. (dep. val)	268.92
Addressograph and plates (dep. val)	8.10
Tent (dep. val)	1.00
	2680.97

You will notice our Annual Report states - the average attendance at our meetings has declined during the past year. Why?

Do we see you at our Club activities?

If not, is it because of:-

1) The change of meeting date from 3rd Thursday to 1st Thursday?

YES / NO

2) The change from city to New Town for meetings?

YES / NO

3) The speakers or their subjects do not interest you?

YES / NO

4) The outings could be organised better?

YES / NO

5) If the answer to 4) is YES, what improvement do you suggest?

A PERSONAL NOTE.

Thanks to all those who helped me prepare this, my first, issue for printing, especially Miss M. Westbrook. I am looking forward to an exciting year in my new job with you all. Please try and return the bottom part of this page and help us to help you.

Maria Grist.

Please rule out the answers on the reverse side of this sheet which do not apply, and return form to:-

Honorary Secretary,
Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club,
G.P.O. Box 68A Hobart 7001.

In the space below this please make any suggestions which you think would improve the Club's activities.

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